



Lalorke House
Geelong
April 8th 1868

My dear Aunt

I would have
written to you sooner
but I intended coming
over for a short time
but I now find I cannot
well manage it this
year but hope to come
over early in the Spring
I think I told you
had a visit from
Mr Brown who told

Mr. Clark
Green Pond
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Mr Clark

~~Mr. Clark~~
191 Macquarie Street
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me she could not
possibly pay the £600
rent for Cluny given
the low price of wool
and sheep - she has
lost nearly all the
Crown land she rented
Hawell's got it put up
for sale & purchased
2000 acres right in the
centre just latting in
all the best of it
I always thought that

Brown had purchased
this land but Mr Brown
says he only purchased
some 70 acres - so Brown
could not have made
such a fortune out of
Cluny after all. I always
thought £600 a very
excessive rent for Cluny
when I had the letting
of it to Brown but thought
he could pay that rent
holding as he did so
much Crown & purchased
land alongside at that

Some I was under the
impression he had purchased
Several thousand acres -
Mrs Brown says she cannot
pay more than £500
a year - I would say
£525 which I think
is fully if not more
than it could be let
for if Mr Brown gave
it up - Not to reduce
the rent permanently
in case things should
get better & pay the
old rent - Please let me

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Know as soon as you
can what you think
about this matter - I
feel a little in this
matter as I certainly
screwed the Lees out
out of Brown - I will
say that if the Browns they
are the best tenants for
keeping every thing in good order
I ever saw - just fancy
since we rented the place
I keeping only a shepherd
what a state of ruin
every thing would become.
Hare and the Baby

are thriving and dear
little one is strong &
getting fatter every day
I take Hans and the
Baby out for drives when
the weather is fine -
the little pet sleeps
nearly all the time. We
were very glad to hear
that Kate was much better
I trust she may continue
to improve. I suppose
you got a very low price
on your wool this year
What a difference there

times made in a person's
income. My income or I
should say gross receipts
are one third less than
last year. I know one
person who had 25,000
four years ago and
has had to give up his
property and leave
without a penny just
from the low price of
wool & sheep. Depreciating
the value of his property
I have not yet heard
any word about the

Photographs of the
town you sent to
Blanche by M^r Severeine
I dare say they will
arrive safe some day
Marie joins me in
kind love to you
and Miss Banne

Believe me
Yours affly
